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SUBJ: ECEVIT CRITICIZES DEMIREL GOVERNMENT

1. REPUBLICAN PEOPLES' PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT
RELEASED A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS NOVEMBER 5 CRITICIZING
THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT ON SEVERAL COUNTS:

A. "THE GOVERNMENT HAS DISCUSSED NONE OF THE VITAL
ISSUES PENDING FOR MONTHS EVEN THOUGH 25 DAYS HAVE PASSED
SINCE THE ELECTIONS."

B. "THE ARMED STUDENT CLASHES IN RECENT DAYS HAVE
REACHED DIMENSIONS WHICH CALL TO MIND THE PRE-MARCH 12
PERIOD (I.E., PRIOR TO THE 1971 MILITARY "COUP BY
MEMORANDUM"). ARMED CLASHES HAVE BECOME DAILY
OCCURRENCES. THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
ENSURING DOMESTIC SECURITY, IS NOT EVEN DWELLING ON THE
SUBJECT."

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C. BY VIOLATING THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT ON

SELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICERS IN PARLIAMENT,
PRIMIN DEMIREL WAS NOW "ADDING A PARLIAMENTARY
CRISIS TO THE GOVERNMENT CRISIS, THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND
THE FOREIGN POLICY CRISIS."

2. COMMENT: ECEVIT'S REMARKS NO DOUBT SPOTLIGHT THE
AREAS IN WHICH HE BELIEVES DEMIREL IS MOST VULNERABLE
TO CRITICISM. THEY MAY WELL SET THE PATTERN FOR FURTHER
OPPOSITION ATTACKS ON THE GOVERNMENT IN THE IMMEDIATE
FUTURE.
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